27 video films have been given for telecast through Gyan Darshan Channel of Ministry of Human Resources Development, Prasar Bharati and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

Soil Erosion

2034. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken serious note of the rapid soil erosion affecting all cultivable lands in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to help farmers in controlling soil erosion;

(c) the details of such schemes and the extent of the involvement of State Governments;

(d) what are the funds made available to State Governments for the purpose of control of soil conservation in 1999-2000;

(e) whether any efforts will be made to intensify measures to control soil erosion in agricultural lands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) There are a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation which are being

implemented by the State Governments to control soil erosion affecting the agricultural land in the country. The schemes are:

(i) Soil Concervation in the catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP) and Flood Prone Rivers (FPR)

(ii) National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)

(iii) Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)

(iv) Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS)

In addition to the above, the State Governments also implement their plan schemes to check soil erosion.

(d) A statement showing release of funds to various States for Implementing the above schemes during 1999-2000 is enclosed. *(See* below).

(e) and (f) The implementing States are being requested to implement these schemes with revised guidelines and higher cost norms. The revised guidelines provide for greater community participation and decentralization to evaluate sustainability of the scheme.

Statement

STATEMENT SHOWING RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES DURING 1999-2000

(Rs.In Lakhs)

S.No.	States/UTs	RVP	FPR	RAS	WDPSCA	NWDPRA	TOTAL
1.	Andhra Pradesh	765.00				900.00	1665.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh				110.00	17.00	127.00
3.	Assam				120.00		120.00
4.	Bihar		0.00				0.00
5.	Gujarat	480.00				2000.00	2480.00
6.	Haryana		80.00	130.00		35.00	245.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	340.00	222.00			200.00	762.00
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	650.00				15.00	665.00
9.	Karnataka	1500.00				1700.00	3200.00
10.	Kerala	40.00				350.00	390.00
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1300.00	800.00			2650.00	4750.00
12.	Maharashtra	700.00				800.00	1500.00
13.	Manipur				160.00	300.00	460.00
14.	Meghalaya				160.00	250.00	410.00
15.	Mizoram				400.00	466.00	866.00
16.	Nagaland				400.00	500.00	900.00
17.	Orissa	300.00				200.00	500.00
18.	Punjab		20.00	95.00		8.00	123.00
19.	Rajasthan	900.00	530.00			3700.00	5130.00
20.	Sikkim					200.00	200.00
21.	Tamil Nadu	375.00				1700.00	2075.00
22.	Tripura	51.00			150.00	350.00	551.00
23.	Uttar Pradesh	186.90	1801.13	75.00		1512.00	3575.03
24.	West Bengal					750.00	750.00
25.	Goa					3.00	3.00
26.	A & N Island					34.00	34.00
	TOTAL:	7587.90	3453.13	300.00	1500.00	18640.00	31481.03